(c) will the Government be pleased to state, what the existing practice has been in regard to the matter and whether it has not been found satisfactory?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) and (b): Copy of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's circular memo is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(c) Existing practice is the same as is emphasised in the circular referred to.

T. A. of Heads of Departments for journeys outside the State.

53. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether any Heads of Departments are allowed to draw T. A. according to Cochin rules when journeys undertaken outside the State for purposes connected with the University, Railway, etc., for which T. A. is paid by such bodies according to their rules;

(b) if so, what is the amount credited and drawn from Cochin Treasury by each of the officers during the last two years?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) Yes. The Director of Public Instruction is allowed to draw T. A. according to the *C. S. R.* for his attendance at University meetings provided he refunds what is paid by the University. Similarly when the Comptroller of Accounts attends the Railway Advisory Committee Meetings he is allowed to draw T. A. under *the C. S. R.* after deducting what is paid by the Railway by way of free Railway Pass.

(b) A statement showing the particulars is enclosed. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

Bridge at Trikkur.

54. Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any petition was received for the construction of a bridge at Trikkur; if so, what action was taken on it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The Trikkur Panchayat received a petition from Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar and others on 21st Chingam 1103 and the Public Works Department is considering it.

Work-house for the poor.

55. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state the progress of the work done with regard to the 'work-house for the poor' in the State?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There has been no proposal for the construction of a 'work-house for the poor'. Estimates for a poor-house are under preparation.

Entertainment of females in the Revenue Department.

56. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are willing to entertain women-officers in the Revenue Department if they are found duly qualified?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Government do not propose to entertain women as officers in the Revenue Department.

Music mistress of the Velur Church School.

57. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this House what action they have taken in the case of the Music Mistress of the Velur Church School, who was relieved from duty, on account of the previous Manager's misconduct?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The new Manager reported that there was no necessity for music teaching in the school. As the school was a Boys' School and as its grant had been stopped the reinstatement of the Music Mistress could not be insisted on. The Manager was however asked to cancel the order of suspension, the teachers' services being considered to have been dispensed with. No further action could be taken in the matter.

Production of paddy.

58. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(a) What was the total production of paddy in the State in the year the Tenancy Regulation was passed; and

(b) what was the same in 1102?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) and (b). Government regret that the information asked for cannot be supplied as no statistics showing the production of paddy are available.

Burial ground for the Depressed Classes in Pazhanji.

59. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Protector of the Depressed Classes has not received a petition for a burial ground and land for cultivation from the so-called Depressed Classes in Pazhanji village and that their prayer has been sanctioned?

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